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1. TIMOR DEBATE BEGAN IN FOURTH COMMITTEE AFTERNOON NOV 2 WITH STATEMENTS BY PORTUGAL, SAUDI ARABIA, BENIN, CAMBODIA, INDIA, AND REP OF FRETILIN (ALKATIRI). SAUDI ARABIA AND INDIA SUPPORTED INDONESIAN POSITION AND THE OTHERS CAME DOWN ON SIDE OF FRETILIN.

2. IN IMPASSIONED SPEECH, ALKATIRI (MEMBER, FRETILIN CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMISSAR AS WELL AS "MINISTER OF STATE FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF DEMOCRATIC
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REPUBLIC OF EAST TIMOR") SUMMARIZED HOSTILITIES AGAINST

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INDONESIA, STATING WAR IN EAST TIMOR WAS NOW THE MAJOR
WAR IN SOUTH EAST ASIA. IN SWIPE AGAINST U.S., ALKATIRI
CLAIMED THAT "US ROLE IN EAST TIMOR ISSUE" CLAIRIFED IN
AUG 1976 WITH U.S. "WARNING" TO AUSTRALIA NOT TO
ANTAGONIZE INDONESIA BECAUSE OF U.S. DESIRE TO MAINTAIN
ACCESS TO OMBAE-WETAER STRAITS FOR UNDERWATER PASSAGE
OF SSBN NUCLEAR-POWERED, BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES.
ALKATIRI ADDED AMERICAN "OMPLICITY" IN INVASION OF EAST
TIMOR "VERIFIED" BY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SEPT 20, 1976
WITH DELIVERY OF FIRST OF THREE OF 16 VOUGHT A-7 CORSAIR JETS
AND SEVERAL ROCKWELL OV-10 BRONCOS TO INDONESIA, "BOTH
PLANES BEING SUITABLE FOR GROUND ATTACK ON EAST TIMOR AND
DROPPING OF NAPALM AS IN VIETNAMA." ALKATIRI ALSO STRUCK OUT AT
AUSTRALIA ALLEGING THAT INDONESIA WOULD OFFER TO MAKE A
MORE FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA ON SEABED BORDER
ISSUE IN TIMOR SEA THAN PORTUGAL HAD MADE.

3. DEBATE ON TIMOR AND SMALL TERRITORIES ITEM IN GENERAL
WILL CONTINUE MORNING NOV 4 WITH SCHEDULED STATEMENTS BY
INDONESIA, SIERRA LEONE, YUGOSLAVIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA,
QATAR, YEMEN, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, GUINEA BISSAU,
MADAGASCAR, ALGERIA, CHINA, UK, MOZAMBIQUE, IRAN, AND
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